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TO: ALL VIRGINIA WING SENIOR MEMBERS AND CADETS

FROM: HQ, VIRGINIA WING, Director of Administration, Jackie Graham

UNIT NEWSLETTER: It is very important that you share this Newsletter with all Members of your Unit. Please review this material at your unit meeting and post a copy on your Bulletin Board so that it will be available to ALL members. (Members can't participate if you do not tell them about upcoming events). This Bulletin is posted on the Virginia Wing Website as a PDF document. ****All reports are listed on the Virginia Paperless Wing Website. Please have your officers refer to the calendar for report dates.**

1. **SAFETY** – Plans are continuing for the specific safety focus activities to be accomplished through the remainder of the year, including the MER Safety Blitz. Hopefully, everyone has gotten significant information through the group and squadron commanders about the plans that are developing. There are several major elements of safety emphasis that are developing, and they are, briefly, as follows:
 - The region commander is going to have a safety stand down, as a part of each unit's focus week, due to all of the incidents that have occurred in MER this year;
 - During the one-week dedicated period, each unit will be required to review its safety record for the year now ending (seen as problematic for the region as a whole). The unit will also be required to focus on safety issues, mishap prevention, safety education, and identifying and correcting potential safety hazards.
 - There will be a contest that amounts to a scavenger hunt to identify the worst safety hazards. That contest is to be conducted and led by cadets, although senior members can take part. Awards will be given based on

the seriousness of the safety hazard identified and the effectiveness of the resolution proposed.

- Safety will be an item of focus during the General Assembly at the upcoming Wing Conference.

Safety focus and activities should not begin and end with such formal activity. It must be an integral part of all we do, in and out of CAP. Please continue to approach personal and CAP safety in that manner.

2. **TRANSPORTATION –**

The Wing Transportation Officer will present a program covering CAP vehicles and drivers licenses at the Danville Airport on 19 November from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. It is intended for all senior members of Group 1, but anyone who wishes to attend are welcome. All vehicles assigned within Group 1, if possible, should be in attendance at this meeting. This is an opportunity to meet with the Wing Transportation Officer and learn more about the transportation program as outlined in CAPR 77-1. If you have a CAP vehicle assigned to your unit, load it up with members and come to this informative meeting. Even if you do not have a CAP vehicle assigned to your unit, please plan on attending. Please send your intention to attend so we can track the number of members planning on attending. You can send an email with names of those attending to transportation.va@vawg.cap.gov.

Thank you,

Chris Whitehead, Maj, CAP
VA Wing/LGT

Newsbreak

Submitted for Hampton Roads Composite Squadron

Our Squadron continues to grow and we have launched a new recruiting blitz among our cadets with school and scout meeting presentations planned. The cadets spent a day at Kitty Hawk and are in the planning stage for a backpacking venture. We have three recent Mitchell Award recipients, Daniel Lamb, Joshua Lynch, and Elizabeth Stanworth. Congratulations are extended to Marshall Cox, our new Cadet Commander, and Jenny Goodwin, our new Flight Sergeant.

Submitted for the Leesburg Composite Squadron

Congratulations to Cadet 2dLT Matt Lowen of the Leesburg Composite Squadron for completing the 26.2 miles of the 30th Marine Corps Marathon held yesterday in Arlington, VA and Washington D.C. in the time of 4 hours, 10 minutes and 33 seconds!

